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MEETINGS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The annual meeting of the Society was held in the Hall on the evening of May 3, 1880, the President, Mr. Wallace, in the chair.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the President introduced Colonel Chapman Biddle, who, in accordance with the wish of the Council of the Society, read his address on "The First Day's Fight at Gettysburg," a portion of which had been omitted at the March Meeting.

Upon the conclusion of the reading, Dr. Edward Shippen offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society are justly due and are hereby presented to Colonel Chapman Biddle for his interesting and instructive discourse just read, aud that he be requested to give a copy to the Society for preservation in its archives or publication.

The Secretary then read a letter from the Hon. William A. Porter to the President, presenting a portrait of his grandfather Gen. Andrew Porter. Also one from James L. Claghorn, dated April 6, 1880, presenting to the Society, on behalf of Messrs. Anthony Drexel, George W. Childs, Edwin M. Lewis, Charles W. Trotter, and Alfred Kay, ten cork models, executed by Mr. Lloyd Hoppin, of this city, of old land-marks of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, as follows: State House in 1776; The Letitia House; Washington's Residence in Market Street, 1795; The Loxley House; The Old Court House; The Swedes Church; "Walnut Grove," the scene of the Mischianza; The Friends Meeting House, Chester; Department of Foreign Affairs of U. S., 1783, and The Slate Roof House.

The President stated that the four remarkably beautiful oil paintings exhibited were executed by Mr. Isaac L. Williams, and were presented by that artist and Mr. Townsend Ward, and represented buildings of considerable local interest, as follows: The Old Swedes Church, at Wilmington; "The Woodlands," mansion of William Hamilton; Pemberton's Plantation, and of the old Quaker Alms House, in Walnut Street above Third.

The Tellers reported the result of the annual election, as follows:—

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John William Wallace.

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